

Fiscal Note



Fiscal Services Division

SF 2284 – ADA-Compliant Fuel Pumps (LSB 1630SZ)

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Description

<u>Senate File 2284</u> requires retail dealers that sell gasoline or diesel fuel to comply with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This Bill specifies the following:

Retail motor fuel sites that sell gasoline or diesel fuel will:

- Comply with the federal ADA standards.
- Provide assistance to disabled customers to obtain fuel without charging an additional fee.
- Post a sign stating the hours when refueling assistance is available and install a call button near the fuel pump where the customer can call for assistance.
- Specifies refueling assistance is not required when a retail station is operating on a remote control basis or when there are fewer than two employees on duty.

The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALS) will:

- Inspect each of lowa's approximately 3,500 gas stations for compliance with the ADA requirements during the course of a normal inspection.
- Inspect a retail operation when three or more complaints are received.
- Deliver notice to the retail dealer if a violation exists and will follow up in six months to ensure corrective action has been taken. If no corrective action has been taken, the Department can suspend the dealer's license.

Background

The federal Department of Justice updated ADA accessibility standards in 2010 to include a number of establishments, including gas stations, and the requirements became applicable in March 2011.

Assumptions

It is unknown how much additional time will be needed by fuel pump inspectors to implement the requirements of this Bill, but the following costs were estimated by the DALS:

- \$25,000 in FY 2015 for ADA compliance consulting and training.
- \$104,000 and 2.00 FTE positions in FY 2015 and each year after to inspect gasoline pumps.
- \$60,000 in FY 2014 to purchase trucks and equipment.

Fiscal Impact

This Bill will increase General Fund expenditures for the DALS by \$189,000 and 2.00 FTE positions for FY 2015 and by \$104,000 for each year after.

Source

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

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